

# Wild Horse and Burro Removal, Adoption, Population, Appropriate Management Level Table

Year	Horse Removal	Horse Adoption	Horse Population	PVT Horses Claimed	Total Horse Population	Total AML	Burro Removal	Burro Adoption	PVT Burros Claimed	Total Burro Population	Total Removed	Total Adopted	Total WH&B Populations
Nov-71	45	45	17,300		17,300		0	0		8,045		45	25,345
Jan-73	23	23					0	0				23	
Jan-74	1,681	30	25,501	17,165	42,666		33	1	123	14,374	33	31	39,875
Jan-75	644	244	29,957	14,094	44,051		0	0			644	244	29,957
Jan-76	1,503	965	42,287	11,023	53,310		37	24	84	6,790	1,540	989	49,077
Jan-77	2,752	2,618	47,992	10,337	58,329		225	214			2,977	2,832	47,992
Jan-78	6,006	4,901	44,380	9,650	54,030		796	650	147	9,160	6,802	5,551	53,540
Jan-79	5,289	4,094	47,967	5,779	53,746		782	605			6,071	4,699	47,967
Jan-80	8,326	7,097	50,467	1,907	52,374		1,284	1,009		12,171	9,610	8,106	62,638
1981	8,362	8,835	52,198		52,198		2,944	2,495			11,306	11,330	52,198
FY 1982	7,079	5,307	44,930		44,930		2,281	1,630		11,870	9,360	6,937	56,800
1983	5,017	3,592	48,899		48,899		1,641	1,503			6,658	5,095	48,899
1984	4,999	4,286	48,998		48,998	20,600	1,085	1,205		11,358	6,084	5,491	60,356
1985	17,399	8,091	42,127		42,127	20,600	1,560	1,463		7,808	18,959	9,554	49,935
1986	8,843	6,332	38,139		38,139	20,600	1,283	1,268		6,624	10,126	7,600	44,763
1987	10,248	11,621	37,822		37,822	20,600	1,273	1,155		5,464	11,521	12,776	43,286
1988	8,312	9,473	37,621		37,621	27,080	1,008	1,173		4,726	9,320	10,646	42,347
1989	3,586	4,325	41,774		41,774	27,080	876	895		4,775	4,462	5,220	46,549
1990	4,450	3,654	40,745		40,745	26,812	600	636		4,796	5,050	4,290	45,541
1991	6,395	5,307	44,080		44,080	26,812	613	660		6,617	7,008	5,967	50,697
1992	5,806	7,312	46,501		46,501	25,992	857	783		8,303	6,663	8,095	54,804
1993	6,947	6,103	38,962		38,962	25,992	1,598	1,148		7,500	8,545	7,251	46,462
1994	7,073	6,810	33,659		33,659	25,992	795	1,057		8,751	7,868	7,867	42,410
1995	7,355	7,706	35,588		35,588	25,992	1,931	1,949		8,005	9,286	9,655	43,593
1996	7,369	6,821	35,286		35,286	23,554	1,996	1,253		6,852	9,365	8,074	42,138
1997	8,337	6,993	37,615		37,615	23,554	2,106	1,699		5,422	10,443	8,692	43,037
1998	5,983	6,507	39,470		39,470	23,554	406	1,337		5,025	6,389	7,844	44,495
1999	4,950	5,745	40,705		40,705	23,554	1,054	1,033		5,263	6,004	6,778	45,968
2000	7,004	5,080	42,113		42,113	25,280	1,627	1,122		5,263	8,631	6,202	47,376
2001	11,764	6,054	39,815		39,815	25,280	1,513	1,576		5,654	13,277	7,630	45,469
2002	10,822	5,987	34,496		34,496	24,623	1,207	1,759		4,319	12,029	7,746	38,815
2003	8,865	4,982	32,145		32,145	28,849	1,216	1,183		5,041	10,081	6,165	37,186
Total											236,112	199,425	

1974-1979 Estimated removal/species based on known total removal.

Populations include private horses and burros claimed.

1975, 77, 79, 81,83 Interpolated population based on recruitment of 20% and removals.

1984-2000 Population figures are taken from the End of Year statistics calculated to September 30 of that year.

2000 Reporting for current population numbers changed in FY 2000. Populations are reported as of 3/1/ so they include recruitment but not the foal crop for the current populations. AML is also displayed as the upper limit. Removals and Adoptions are reported at the end of the FY.

**All firm figures are from the Reports to Congress 1983**

1971 Estimated populations at time of passage of the Act.

1976 FLPMA authorizes helicopter gathers. Initiated the Adopt-A\_Horse or Burro Program.

1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Actn (PRIA) allows titling of adopted animals.

1980-81 No standard fee. Transportation and veterinarian fees paid by adopter.

1982 Burford policy; moratorium on the destruction of excess, unadopted horses.

1983 Adoption fees set at \$125 plus transportation.

1985 Congress directed BLM to triple removals. Standard adoption fee set at \$125.

1987-88 Fee waiver adoptions. Interior Appropriation Rider stating no funds can be expended on the destruction of healthy, unadoptable horses.

1989-90 Removals impacted by appeals by humane groups to IBLA.

1994 Desert Protection Act passed.

1998-99 BLM limited removals and concentrated on adoptions to move animals out of holding facilities.

2001 First year of the 4 year WH&B Initiative.

